# Conflict of Interest Code of the

# LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (LACERA)

# Incorporation of FPPC Regulation 18730 (2 California Code of Regulations, Section 18730) by Reference

The Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 81000, et seq.) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 Cal. Code of Regs. 18730), which contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code. After public notice and hearing, it may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730, and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission, are hereby incorporated into the conflict of interest code of this agency by reference. This regulation and the attached Appendices (or Exhibits) designating officials and employees and establishing economic disclosure categories shall constitute the conflict of interest code of this agency.

# Place of Filing of Statements of Economic Interests

All officials and employees required to submit a statement of economic interests shall file their statements with the agency head; or his or her designee. The agency shall make and retain a copy of all statements filed by its Board Members, Alternate Board Members, as appropriate, and its Chief Executive Officer and forward the originals of such statements to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County.

The agency shall retain the originals of statements for all other Designated Positions named in the agency's conflict of interest code and for: Chief Counsel, LACERA; Chief Investment Officer, LACERA; and Principal Investment Officer, LACERA. All retained statements, original or copied, shall be available for public inspection and reproduction (Gov. Code Section 81008).

#### **EXHIBIT "A"**

## **CATEGORY 1**

Persons in this category shall disclose all interest in real property within the jurisdiction that would be suitable for housing all or part of LACERA's operations and all real property within two miles of that property. Real property shall be deemed to be within the jurisdiction if the property or any part of it is located within or not more than two miles outside the boundaries of the County of Los Angeles or within two miles of any land used to conduct LACERA's operations.

Persons are not required to disclose a residence, such as a home or vacation cabin, used exclusively as a personal residence; however, a residence in which a person rents out a room or for which a person claims a business deduction may be reportable.

### **CATEGORY 2**

Persons in this category shall disclose all investments and business positions in, and all income (including gifts, loans and travel payments) received from, business entities that are the type utilized by LACERA.

#### **CATEGORY 3**

Persons in this category shall disclose all business positions and investments in business entities that are the type in which LACERA's trust funds may be invested (include securities, real estate and business entities), all income (including gifts, loans and travel payments) from such business entities, and all interests in real estate co-owned with or purchased from such business entities.

## **CATEGORY 4**

Persons in this category shall disclose all business positions, investments in, or income (including gifts, loans and travel payments) received from business entities that manufacture, provide or sell service and/or supplies of a type utilized by LACERA and associated with the job assignment of designated positions assigned to this disclosure category.

# **CATEGORY 5**

Persons in this category shall disclose all income (including gifts, loans and travel payments) from, investments in and business positions with any member of LACERA, any agent or employee association representing any such member, and business positions with, investments in or income (including gifts, loans and travel payments) from any entity owned or controlled by any such member or any such member's spouse or other financial dependent.

# **EXHIBIT "A" (Continued)**

#### **CATEGORY 6**

Individuals who perform under contract the duties of any designated position shall be required to file Statements of Economic Interests disclosing reportable interest in the categories assigned to that designated position.

In addition, individuals who, under contract, participate in decisions which affect financial interests by providing information, advice, recommendation or counsel to LACERA which could affect a financial interest of the individual shall be required to file Statements of Economic Interests, unless they fall within the Political Reform Act's exceptions to the definition of consultant. The level of disclosure shall be as determined by LACERA's Chief Executive Officer or his or her designee. (See footnote in Exhibit "B" for clarification.)

#### CATEGORY 7

Persons in this category shall disclose all income (including gifts, loans and travel payments) received from any LACERA member, or agent of any such LACERA member, with a disability retirement application before the Board of Retirement (during the reporting period) and all business positions with, investments in, or income (including gifts, loans and travel payments) received, from any entity owned or controlled by any such member.

# **EXHIBIT "B"**

<u>Designated Positions</u>	<b>Disclosure Categories</b>
Board of Retirement: First Member (County Treasurer) Second Member (Elected General Member) Third Member (Elected General Member) Fourth Member (Appointed by Board of Supervisors) Fifth Member (Appointed by Board of Supervisors) Sixth Member (Appointed by Board of Supervisors) Seventh Member (Elected Safety Member) Eighth Member (Elected Retired Member) Ninth Member (Appointed by Board of Supervisors) Alternate Safety Member (Elected by Safety Members) Alternate Retired Member (Elected by Retired Members)	1, 2, 7 1, 2, 7
Retirement Administration: Assistant Executive Officer, LACERA, Unclassified Assistant Executive Officer, LACERA Senior Staff Counsel, LACERA Associate Staff Counsel, LACERA Staff Counsel, LACERA	1, 2, 3 1, 2, 3 1, 2, 3 1, 2, 3 1, 2, 3
Chief Counsel, LACERA (Disability Litigation Section)	4, 5
Senior Staff Counsel, LACERA (Disability Litigation Section)	5
Staff Counsel, LACERA (Disability Litigation Section)	5
Associate Staff Counsel, LACERA (Disability Litigation Section)	5
Senior Investment Officer, LACERA Finance Analyst III, LACERA Finance Analyst II, LACERA Chief, Internal Audit, LACERA Division Manager, LACERA Assistant Division Manager, LACERA Director, Human Resources, LACERA Administrative Services Officer, LACERA Disability Retirement Specialist Supervisor	1, 2, 3 1, 2, 3 1, 2, 3 4 4 4 4 4

# **EXHIBIT "B" (Continued)**

<u>Designated Positions</u>	<b>Disclosure Categories</b>
Contract Analyst, LACERA	4
Special Assistant, LACERA	4
Creative Coordinator, LACERA	4
Chief, Communications, LACERA	4
Director, Retiree Health, LACERA	4
Principal Internal Auditor, LACERA	4
Chief, Quality Assurance and Metrics, LACERA	4
Section Head, LACERA	4
Information Systems Manager, LACERA	4
Assistant Information Systems Manager, LACERA	4
Consultants/New Positions*	6

<sup>\*</sup>Consultants/New Positions are included in the list of designated positions and shall disclose pursuant to the broadest disclosure category in the code, subject to the following limitations:

The Chief Executive Officer or his or her designee may determine in writing that a particular consultant or new position, although a "designated position," is hired to perform a range of duties that is limited in scope and thus is not required to fully comply with disclosure requirements in this section. Such written determination shall include a description of the consultant's or new position's duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements. The Chief Executive Officer or his or her designee's determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as this conflict-of-interest code. (Gov. Code Section 81008.)

#### **APPENDIX**

## Officials Who Manage Public Investments:

The following positions are not covered by the code because they must file under Government Code Section 87200 and, therefore, are listed for informational purposes only.

#### **Board of Investments:**

First Member (County Treasurer)

Second Member (Elected General Member)

Third Member (Elected General Member)

Fourth Member (Elected Safety Member)

Fifth Member (Appointed by Board of Supervisors)

Sixth Member (Appointed by Board of Supervisors)

Seventh Member (Appointed by Board of Supervisors)

Eighth Member (Elected Retired Member)

Ninth Member (Appointed by Board of Supervisors)

Chief Executive Officer, LACERA

Chief Executive Officer, LACERA, Unclassified

Chief Counsel, LACERA

Chief Investment Officer, LACERA, Unclassified

Principal Investment Officer, LACERA, Unclassified

Principal Investment Officer, LACERA

Employees of LACERA's independent Contractors and Consultants who perform the same or substantially all the same functions as LACERA's Chief Investment Officer.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/12/2016**